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No Canadian iPad deals in place yet

TECH Apple's new iPad won't be available in Canada immediately, but the company says it hopes to have international deals in place to sell the new tablet computer outside the U.S. by March.

The one-button, keyboard-free mobile computing device is billed as a cross between a laptop and a smartphone. Its touch screen measures 24.6 centimetres diagonally and the device is 1.3 cm thick.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs says the price of the most-basic iPad is \$499 US.

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An RCMP officer presents RCMP Chief Supt. Doug Coates' insignia and stetson to his children, Julie Coates, left, and Mathieu Coates at their father's funeral yesterday at the Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. Coates was killed in Haiti when the earthquake struck Jan. 12.

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Life lived in service RCMP officer killed in Haiti remembered for his humanity

TRACEY TONG tracey.tong@metronews.ca

An RCMP officer killed in the earthquake in Haiti earlier this month was remembered for his enthusiasm, his dedication to his work and his love for his family.

More than 900 RCMP officers, Ontario Provincial Police, Ottawa Police, Montreal Police and members of other agencies marched from the Cartier Square Drill Hall to

"He possessed uncommon human qualities, he possessed uncommon

professional skill."

the Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica yesterday.

"Coates was an uncommon guy," said RCMP Chief Supt. David Beer. "He possessed uncommon human qualities, he possessed uncommon professional skill."

Coates, 52, who leaves his wife of 28 years, Lise, and their three children, Luc.

Chief Supt. David Beer
Julie and Mathieu, was serv-

Julie and Mathieu, was serving with the United Nations in Port-au-Prince and was inside the UN headquarters when the building collapsed Jan. 12.

He joined the RCMP in 1978, leaving on his first United Nations mission in Haiti in 1993.

"That was the beginning

of a brilliant career in international policing and peace operations as well as a personal and professional commitment to Haiti," said Supt. Jean-Michel Blais. "In his death we are left with an inspiring example of a life dedicated to service."

But his priority was his family, said his son, Luc.

"If I ever have the opportunity to have children of my own, I will strive to be a father just like he was to me. Dad ... you sure set the bar high."

Tory numbers still slipping, poll finds

SURVEY As a new poll shows the Liberals closing in on the Conservatives, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff continued his focus on the economy with a series of proposals to boost job creation for youth and other Canadians.

Public support for Stephen Harper's Conservatives is still eroding amid Canadians'

opposition to the prime minister's decision to temporarily suspend Parliament, an Angus Reid-Toronto Star poll

indicated.

The percentage of decided Conservative voters, down slightly from mid-Jan-

The Conservatives stand at 33 per cent among decided voters, down slightly from mid-January, while the Liberals are a close second at 29 per cent support. The NDP is at 19 per cent, the Bloc Québécois is at 10 per cent, and the Green party, seven per cent.

To emphasize the fact the House of Commons chamber is off limits to MPs, Ignatieff has brought his caucus to Parliament Hill for hearings and discussions on the economy and other issues.

He criticized Harper for talking about postrecession policies while Canadians are still facing long jobless lines, with 320,000 jobs having disappeared since late 2008.

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Ridership at all-time high in December
OC Transpo set an all-time record for ridership last December, with 8.4 million passengers
boarding city buses and trains. That total represents an increase of 6.5 per cent over December 2007 and exceeded the estimated ridership for the month by 2.8 per cent. Service changes like 24hour service on Route 95 and later service for Route 94 are credited with contributing to increasing ridership. OC Transpo is projecting ridership will top 100 million rides in 2010. METRO OTTAWA

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Sprinklers could have lessened fire damage: Chief

BLAZES A residential sprinkler system could have helped reduce the impact of last week's three large fires, said the city's new fire chief John deHooge.

On Jan. 18, an 18-unit building in the Glebe was demolished. Two more fires destroyed three-storey apartment buildings on Jan. 23 in Sandy Hill and on Jan. 24 in Kanata.

"These fires have occurred in part because of the age of the building or by human error," said deHooge.

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Video Hundreds turn out at Ottawa funeral for 'face of international policing for

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Council down to wire on budget

Public delegations decried possible cuts to transit service, CPO funding

TIM WIFCI AWSKI

City council has unanimously approved the police and library board budgets. The rest of the city budget is expected to be decided today.

If nothing changes, property tax would increase by 3.94 per cent, but to achieve that, the city would cut funding to Crime Prevention Ottawa, and reduce service to over 40 bus routes.

Those two items proved very unpopular among public delegations. Councillors were also pressed to approve the universal bus pass program for students.

River Ward Coun. Maria McRae said councillors and staff have been working on a way to avoid those cuts and allowing for the UPass pilot project, even if it's not funded.

'There are a lot of services and programs that people wanted added back to the budget and we're looking for ways to offset bringing back those services,' said McRae. "I don't anticipate (the tax increase) will go up and some of us are hoping to bring it down fur-

Cutting transit service based to fit the budget is not the right way to go about it, said Kanata North Coun. Marianne Wilkinson. She said bus routes would likely be restored to the budget.

Innes Ward Coun. Rainer Bloess predicted the tax increase could end up between 3.7 and 4.5 per cent depending on what "sacred cows" they were willing to

Although he said the budget is still in a state of flux and nothing is approved yet, Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen said he would be very pleased that transit services appeared to be saved and the Upass program would likely get city approval.

"It's very clear the majority of council wants to make it happen," said Cullen.

Third Wall does Shakespeare as you like it

ANDREW SZTEIN for Metro Ottawa

The Third Wall Theatre Company hopes to put on Shakespeare's As You Like It as audiences will like it.

The show, which begins Feb. 4, will be a contemporary update of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, with all the lines of dialogue intact, but with sets and music suited to a mod-

ern setting.
"It's Shakespeare's greatest play about love and marriage," said director Charles McFarland. "It was an obvious pick, it's a sun-ny, happy, Valentine's Day kind of play.

"We're not trying to be over intellectual," said Mc-Farland. "We want to get any snob factor out and just get people to come and have a good time."

The play features cameo performance from former Ottawa Rough Rider, WWE wrestler, and Team 1200 radio personality Glenn Kulka as Charles



Jordan Hancey as Orlando, right, takes on former CFL player and WWF wrestler Glenn Kulka in The Third Wall's Ottawa production of William Shakespeare's As You Like It, which runs from Feb. 4-14 at the Irving Greenberg Theatre.

Councillor wants expert review of OC Transpo

TRANSIT In the wake of a number of high-profile service disruptions and procurement blunders, an Ottawa city councillor is calling for an independent compre-hensive review of OC Transpo operations and procurement procedures.

West Carleton-March Coun. Eli El Chantiry discussed a motion to hire an expert panel to examine the operation from top to bottom. It will be addressed at the next council meeting.

The last comprehensive review of operations at OC Transpo was conducted in 1998 after four garage workers were shot and killed after a former employee went on a rampage

through the St. Laurent garage.

Now it's time for another review, El Chantiry said.

"Quite a bit of changes are taking place, we're a bigger city, more routes, more buses, and other players are coming to the table."

In the new year, a maintenance oversight forced OC Transpo to cancel over 200 trips. City council is still dealing with the cost of a new garage for articulated buses that has risen from \$60 million to \$97 million in the past two years. Last vear, the city was threatened with lawsuits over the purchase of a next-stop announcement system.

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News in brief

GOURMET RELIEF Ottawa's top culinary talents are putting together a four-course gourmet dinner at the National Arts Centre tonight to raise funds for Haitian earthquake victims through the CARE Canada's

Haitian earthquake relief effort. The National Arts Centre's executive chef Michael Blackie and Geoffrey Morden of the Château Laurier are among those involved.

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UFO spotted in Newfoundland to remain a mystery

The reported sighting of a mysterious object in the sky over a community on the south coast of Newfoundland might remain just that — a mystery. Darlene Stewart of Harbour Mille told CBC News she was outside taking pictures of the sunset Monday when she saw something fly overhead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Terracotta warriors tour expanded

Four museums across Canada are preparing for an invasion by China's famed terracotta warriors, with Victoria and Calgary slated as additional stops to the previously announced shows in Toronto and Montreal. The Canadian tour of The Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army, slated to run from 2010 through 2012, will exceed "the size and scope of all previous North American exhibitions" of the iconic Chinese artifacts, said Salvatore Badali, board of trustees chair for Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum.

Volunteers saving lives in Haiti

Medical group using vacation time to help out in devastated nation

Haiti Crisis

Imagine trying to save the life of a seven-year-old boy. To do that, you need to amputate his mangled, infected leg. You explain to his parents that without this operation, the boy will almost certainly die.

Now imagine pleading in vain with his parents when they tell you, firmly, "No." For most people, that

kind of traumatic experience might be a once-in-alifetime nightmare. For a small group of Canadians, though, this is how they're spending their holidays.

A few dozen volunteers mostly medical profes-

Flaherty calls for Haiti debt relief

• Finance Minister Jim Flaherty urged Haiti's international creditors yesterday to cancel the country's debts following the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed 200,000 people, including 21 Canadians. Canada cancelled all its Haitian debt last fall, Flaherty noted, and all Canadian contri-

sionals — with a Canadian non-profit organization are taking time off work or using their holidays to provide help in one of the most devastated corners of Haiti.

For the sixth time since its creation in 2003, Canadian Medical Assistance Teams is sending a group of

butions to the country's earthquake relief — more than \$100 million — is in grants, not loans. Flaherty called on Haiti's remaining bilateral creditors — Taiwan and Venezuela, specifically — to follow Canada's lead and complete their own debtrelief efforts as soon as possible.

volunteers to a disaster zone. Its members are working alongside the Canadian military in a medical camp set up amid the rubble in Leogane, a coastal town about 35 kilometres west of Port-au-Prince.

The group doesn't receive government money and its members are paying for their own flights there. What do they get in return? Just ask the locals.

They came here to save lives," lives," said Jean-Evans Cheridor, a nursing student said who is helping the Canadians as a translator.

"They've already made a difference."

The group estimates that alongside the military it has helped treat 2,000 people since it arrived here five days after the quake.

They've delivered three or four babies. They've also helped treat 20 or more injured Canadians who were in the area when the quake struck.

The mood has changed in the town in recent days, according to Cheridor. He says

the Canadian visitors deserve some of the credit. "Thanks to them, you

can say the majority of the population of Leogane has its smile back again," he

There may be smiles, and occasional giggles, but the area is still suffering from its share of misery.

There is still pushing and shoving at food-distribution points, as foreign agencies need military protection to get the aid flowing smooth-

One highway leading into town was temporarily barri-caded Tuesday by residents of a nearby village who complained the food distribution was bypassing them.

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Families sending money back home to Haiti

CASH More and more Haitian-Canadians are sending money to family members in their quake-ravaged homeland. And they say the cash is making the difference between their relatives eating or starving.

Haitians were already heavily dependent on foreign money before the earthquake on Jan. 12. And relatives in Canada now say foreign cash is helping people buy food, water and other day-to-day necessities.

In Port-au-Prince, Haitians desperate for cash are braving long lineups at money transfer offices as the system gets up and run-THE CANADIAN PRESS



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No improvement in food safety: Union

LISTERIOSIS The government hasn't improved the foodsafety system six months after the fatal listeriosis outbreak, food inspectors and a consumers group said yesterday.

Option Consommateurs, the country's largest consumer organization, and the union representing the inspectors said the government has vet to determine how many people it needs to ensure safe food and to figure out if a new inspection system actually works.

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News in brief

INFANT The parents of a braindamaged infant in Edmonton are getting more time to line up medical specialists who can review his condition.

FACEBOOK The federal privacy watchdog is looking into a new complaint about Facebook. The privacy commissioner says the complaint focuses on a tool introduced by Facebook last THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa 54 Haitian orphans arrive in town



Haitian orphaned children are carried by volunteers off an Air Transat plane that arrived at the Ottawa Airport yesterday carrying 54 Haitian orphans to be united with their new Canadian families.

Canadians' love for Obama grows

POLL As U.S. President Tories.

Barack Obama struggles to reconnect recessionweary Americans, a new poll suggests his popularity is unrelenting in Canada.

A new Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey says Obama Barack would be elected Obama with a majority north of the border regardless of whether he was leading the Liberals or the

The survey sug-

gests that if Obama was Liberal leader, 48 per cent of Cana-dians would vote for the party. That would result in the Tories losing a large chunk of their base, with 30 per cent of them saying they'd vote Liberal if Obama had Michael Ignatieff's

If he was at the Conser-

vative helm, 43 per cent of Canadians would cast their ballots for the Tories.

Doug Anderson, president of Harris/Decima, says he suspects the health-care debate that's dent been raging in the United States for months has likely cemented Canadian affection for Obama.

"That is something that is near and dear to Canadi-

ans, and he's out there fighting for it," Anderson said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Toronto abuzz over pedestrian deaths

Fourteen pedestrian deaths in 15 days had Canada's most populous city abuzz yesterday questioning why a region in which man and machine regularly interact is seeing such a dramatic spike in fatal collisions.

With January's death toll in the Greater Toronto Area reaching almost half of the 31 similar deaths recorded in all of 2009, Toronto police embarked on a blitz to educate, and ticket, pedestrians and drivers breaking the rules.

Politicians and safety officials, meanwhile, urged people to return civility to the roads and the public weighed in by the hundreds on websites with thoughts on what's hap-

Toronto police ticketed 56 pedestrians who disobeyed traffic signals by late morning yesterday in a ticketing blitz. Police traffic services said it was anticipated that hundreds of pedestrians and motorists would be ticketed by day's end. Motorists were issued \$40 tickets for blocking intersections and \$180 tickets for failing to stop for a streetcar with its doors open and failing to yield to pedestrians.

pening on the city's

streets.

"We have laws. I think at a minimum we need to respect those laws," said Premier Dalton McGuinty, who added the existing laws are adequate to address the problem.

"We should each be mindful of those laws and careful, either as pedestrians or as motorists, to understand what is going on around us to anticipate, to be prudent, do everything we can to protect our

selves and others around

Hundreds of people commented on newspaper websites, with some blaming Toronto's fast-paced lifestyle. "A lot of people are in a constant rush to get from A to B and others just don't care," said one reader who posted under the name Kristof. "People are willing to risk their lives just to get that morning coffee or to catch a bus."

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Vancouver **Under construction**



Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages James Moore leaves following a news conference outside the Canada Pavilion for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games still under construction in Vancouver, B.C., yesterday.

Vancouver to see most growth in Canada during 2010: Board

GROWTH The Olympic effect will give Vancouver's economy enough of a boost to make it the top economic performer among Canadian cities this year, according to a report yesterday by the Conference Board of Canada

year, according to a report yesterday by the Conference Board of Canada. The Conference Board forecast Canada's thirdlargest city will see growth leap by 4.5 per cent this year, after shrinking 1.8 per cent in 2009.

Vancouver's gold-medal performance is expected to easily better that of Toronto, projected to post the second-best performance with 3.5 per cent growth in 2010, followed by Kitchener, Ont., forecast to claim the bronze with 3.3 per cent growth.

In addition to the boost provided by the Olympic Winter Games, housing construction and consumer spending are forecast to rebound strongly in Vancouver, the think-tank said

The Bank of Canada has projected that nationally, Canada's gross domestic product will advance by 2.9 per cent this year after contracting by 2.5 per cent in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NUCLEAR Activists are urging the Canadian government to play a bigger role in the effort to eliminate nuclear weapons. Anti-nuclear groups including Project Ploughshares and the Canadian Network to Abolish Nuclear Weapons want Prime Minister Stephen Harper to speak out on disarmament. They say Canada should press NATO to review its nuclear strategies and urge the removal of tactical weapons from Europe. They also say the government should encourage the involvement of civil society in the nuclear debate by sending NGO delegates to a conference later this year which will review the non-proliferation treaty. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Officials fear for remaining whooping cranes

The world's last remaining natural flock of endangered whooping cranes, which suffered a record number of deaths last year, will probably see another die-off because of scarce food supplies at its Texas nesting grounds this winter, wildlife managers said. The flock, which travels each year from Canada to Texas, lost 23 birds in the 2008-2009 winter season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Colour it a carnivore

This rendering by artist Jim Robins, provided by the University of Bristol, shows a sinosauropteryx dinosaur, sporting its orange and white striped tail. It was a small meat-eating, fast-running predator with hollow bones and large brains that lived during the early Cretaceous period. Scientists have for the first time confirmed colour in a dinosaur.

Embattled Obama pledges more jobs

An embattled U.S. President Barack Obama vowed in his first State of the Union address last night to make job growth his topmost priority, as he looked to reignite his stalling presidency.

Speaking before a politician-packed House of Representatives chamber and a television audience of millions, Obama urged lawmakers to come together around new stimulus spending and short-term economic relief.

Defiant despite stinging setbacks, he said he would not abandon ambitious plans for longer-term fixes to health care, energy, education and more. "Change has not come fast enough," Obama said. He compared the United

States to other nations: "Washington has been telling us to wait for decades, even as the problems have grown worse. Meanwhile, China's not waiting to revamp its economy. Germany's not waiting. India's not waiting."

Obama looked to use the high-profile speech to change America's conversation from how his presidency is troubled — over the messy health-care debate, a limping economy and the missteps that led to Christmas Day's barely averted terrorist attack — to how he is seizing the reins on the eco-

nomic worries foremost on Americans' minds.

He spoke to a nation gloomy over double-digit unemployment and federal deficits soaring to a record \$1.4 trillion, and to fellow Democrats dispirited about the fallen standing of a president they hoped would carry them through this fall's midterm congressional elections.

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A family friend reports John Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, have separated in the aftermath of a sex scandal. Scan this code for the story.

What's next for Haiti's children?

Haiti Crisis

PORT-AU-PRINCE In a quakesmashed city where hundreds of thousands go to sleep hungry and hurting in sordid street camps, eight-year-old Benoit Wodson has at least a bunk bed, food and friends to play with on a lawn beneath the mango trees.

The boy with the big grin and the big scar across his nose wants something more, though: "Can we go look for my mom? Can we go look for my parents?" he asked a worker yesterday at the orphanage where he's been brought.

The smallest survivors of Haiti's catastrophic earthquake are growing into one of the biggest problems in its aftermath. Countless thousands of children are



Thousands of displaced children are in Port-au-Prince.

scattered among Port-au-Prince's makeshift camps of homeless and many have nobody to care for them, aid workers say, leaving them without protection against disease, child predators and other risks.

Some young Haitians are even being released from hospitals with no one to care for them. There just aren't enough beds.

UNICEF, Save the Children and the Red Cross have begun registering atrisk children and sending some to orphanages such as l'Escale — the name means "in transit" — where they can be temporarily sheltered, said Bo Viktor Nylund, a senior UNICEF adviser for child protection.

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Afghan tribe signs deal to keep out Taliban

AFGHANISTAN An eastern Afghan tribe has signed a pact to keep the Taliban out of their lands, pledging to burn down the houses of those who shelter insurgents and force them to pay fines high as \$20,000.

U.S. military officials yesterday welcomed the decision by the Shinwari tribe with a pledge of \$1 million US and \$200,000 in job programs. But they acknowledged that the tribe was uniquely positioned to defy the Taliban with its sizable militia and a history of unitary of unitary of the statement of the stateme

Five districts

• The Shinwari tribe, which dominate five districts of about 600,000 people, agreed in the document signed by 170 elders to stand unified against the Taliban.

ty against outsiders. Tribal leaders said the agreement was borne as much out of frustration with the Afghan government as the desire to keep out militants.

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Search for wreckage continues

PLANE CRASH International ships scanned Lebanon's coast for the black boxes and wreckage of an Ethiopian Airlines jet yesterday as DNA tests helped identify several victims, including two children whose remains were pulled from the sea. The plane went down early Monday just minutes after takeoff from Beirut in a fierce storm. All 90 people on board were feared dead, but only some bodies have been found so far.

Weather experts said

Weather experts said lightning had struck in the plane's path around the time of the deadly crash, although it was too early to tell what caused the disaster. The Lebanese army and witnesses reported the plane was in flames as it crashed.

Health officials handed over to families the remains of two victims who were identified using DNA, Health Minister Mohammed Jawad Khalife said. Three other victims — two of them toddlers — also have been identified, the minister said.

Searchers have fanned out for 30 kilometres along Beirut's coast, and about eight kilometres out to sea, said an army official.

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Marriage before gay rights?

Preserving institution should come first: Family values leader

The founder of a family values think-tank testified yesterday that the rights of same-sex couples should come second to preserving the cherished social institution of marriage, as a trial challenging states' gay marriage bans was winding down.

David Blankenhorn, president of the New York-based Institute for American Values, said under cross-examination there are many valid reasons for allowing gays to wed, but the considerations are out-

"I do believe it is almost certainly true that gay and lesbian couples and their children would benefit from having gay marriage." David Blankenhorn

weighed by the likely damage it would cause the already weakened state of heterosexual unions.

He acknowledged, however, that allowing gays to wed would have positive consequences for same-sex couples and society, such as scoring "a victory for the worthy ideas of tolerance and inclusion," reduc-

David Blankenhorn

ing anti-gay prejudice and hate crimes, and creating a

for same-sex couples.
"I do believe it is almost certainly true that gay and lesbian couples and their children would benefit from having gay marriage." he said.

higher standard of living

Blankenhorn was expected to be the last wit-

ness to testify in the federal trial exploring whether states violate the U.S. Constitution by denying gays the right to marry.

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn R. Walker has said he wants to take several weeks to review all the evidence before hearing closing arguments.

Blankenhorn's testimony was almost certain to be cited by lawyers for the two gay couples suing to overturn the ban prompted by voter-approved Proposition 8 in California.

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Researchers prep for study on 'scientific whaling'

SCIENCE Scientists from Australia and New Zealand are to set out on a whale research expedition to the Antarctic on Monday in an effort to disprove Japan's argument that whales must be killed to be studied.

The results of the sixweek expedition are central to the whaling debate because Japan is allowed to kill whales provided it's for research. Still, no matter what the outcome, both sides acknowledge it will likely do little to change Japan's support for whaling.

"You can always come up with some question that will require an animal to be killed for something or other," said Nick Gales, the expedition's chief scientist and leader of the Australian Antarctic Division's Australian Marine Mammal Center. "But the question is whether that is a critical issue for the management and conservation

Anti-whaling

• Last year, several antiwhaling nations came together to form the Southern Ocean Research Partnership, an effort to promote non-lethal whale research in the hopes of eventually seeking an IWC ban on whaling for scientific study.

of whales." Japan is permitted to hunt whales in Antarctica under what it says is a scientific program allowed by the International Whaling Commission, despite a 1986 ban on commercial whaling. Japan sends a fleet to the Antarctic each year to hunt hundreds of minke whales, which are not endangered. Whale meat not used for study is sold as food in Japan, which critics say is the real reason for the hunts.

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Russia sees dramatic drop in racial violence: Rights group

TENSIONS Racially motivated violence in Russia dropped sharply in 2009 due to a more vigorous effort by police and a shift in tactics by extremist groups, a human rights group said yesterday

The Moscow-based group Sova, which monitors hate crimes in Russia, said 71 people were killed and 333 wounded in racist attacks last year, down from 110 killed and 487 wounded in

Galina Kozhevnikova, deputy head of Sova, called it the first significant drop in such attacks since the group began collating statistics in 2004.

The findings appear to vindicate government

Targeted groups

 As in previous years, most of the victims in 2009 were darkskinned, non-Slavic migrant

claims it is trying to combat racist violence, although they appear to contradict a statement by Prime Minister Vladimir labourers from former Soviet republics in Central Asia and the Caucasus

Putin this week that the number of racist crimes decreased twofold last

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Tourists lacking shelter, food

after Machu Picchu mudslide

EMERGENCY Tourists visiting Peru's famed Machu Picchu citadel said yesterday they lack enough food, water and shelter and are at the mercy of pricegougers three days after mudslides trapped them in a nearby village.

The visitors complained restaurants were inflating their prices, and many have slept in Machu Picchu Pueblo's train station or in the central plaza after they ran out of money or hostels ran out of space.

"It's chaos. We don't

"It's chaos. We don't have food, we don't have water, we don't have blankets, we can't communicate and the police lack an evacuation plan to put us at ease," Argentine tourist Alicia Casas told Lima's

\$3.50 Bottles of water are selling for \$3.50 in the isolated region — five times the typical price.

Canal N TV station.

A thick cloud clover was keeping helicopters from flying to the village yesterday, cabinet chief Javier Velasquez told reporters in the capital, disrupting plans to evacuate 800 tourists. Choppers dropped off food and water and ferried out 475 people on Tuesday.

Authorities say 1,400

Authorities say 1,400 tourists remain stranded since Sunday's mudslides damaged sections of the railway to the city of Cuzco

Moscow Keep fishin'



A man fishes, braving temperatures below -20 C on the ice of the Khimki reservoir in northwest Moscow yesterday. Experts said this month was the coldest in Moscow in sixty years.

Beijing A huge hit



Spectators sit in front of a poster for director James Cameron's sci-fi epic Avatar at a theatre in Beijing yesterday. China is urging theatre operators to make sure at least two-thirds of the films they show are domestic after the Hollywood blockbuster became the highest-grossing film in the country's history.

Bangladesh executes five men for 1975 coup killing

DHAKA Bangladesh executed five former soldiers yesterday for killing the country's independence leader in a 1975 military coup, authorities said.

The men were hanged early Thursday inside Dhaka Central Jail, prison official Brig.-Gen. Mohammad Ashraful Islam Khan said.

They were hanged one after another, and the executions took only 30 minutes, private TV station ATN Bangla said.

Hours before their executions, the men were allowed to meet with their family members inside the jail amid tight security, the station reported.

Witnesses said roads around the jail in central Dhaka were closed to traffic hours before the executions

The Aug. 15, 1975 mili-

tary coup culminated in the killing of Bangladesh's leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who led Bangladesh's independence war against Pakistan in 1971. Before independence, Bangladesh was part of Pakistan.

Rahman went on to become the new country's first leader. But he and most of his family and close aides were gunned down at his Dhaka residence during the coup.

The coup leaders were given indemnity by subsequent military rulers, and they were only put on trial when Rahman's daughter, Sheikh Hasina, became prime minister in 1996. Hasina and her younger sister, Rehana, survived the coup because they were touring Europe at the time.

News in brief

SPACE NASA has set an early February launch date for space shuttle Endeavour. Senior managers decided yesterday to proceed toward a Feb. 7 launch date for Endeavour. It will be a pre-dawn liftoff at 4:39 a.m. Endeavour will carry up a new room and observation deck for the International Space

Station, the last of the major U.S. components. The six-person crew will hook up the chamber in a series of spacewalks. Some of the ammonia coolant lines for the chamber failed tests earlier this month, so engineers scrambled to fashion new hoses out of old hardware. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chicago terror suspect pleads not guilty

David Coleman Headley, accused of helping scout out Mumbai before the 2008 terrorist attacks that left 166 people dead and plotting to attack a Danish newspaper, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that could result in a death sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivors honour 65th anniversary of liberation

Bundled tightly against the cold and snow, elderly Auschwitz survivors walked among the barracks and watchtowers of Auschwitz and Birkenau yesterday, many clad in scarves bearing the grey

and blue stripes of their Nazi prison garments decades ago.

Moving later into a heated tent to escape the minus 12 C temperatures, they heard Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vow that his country would never allow anyone to erase the memory of the victims of Nazi Germany's death camps.

"We sit in a warm tent and remember those who shivered to death, and if they didn't freeze to death, they were gassed and burned," Netanyahu said in a solemn ceremony marking the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet army.

Some 150 Auschwitz sur-

vivors and European leaders were on hand for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony, one of scores around the world marking the global day of commemoration established by the United Na-

"We will not allow Holocaust deniers and desecrators of grave stones to erase or distort the memory."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

tions in 2005.

After brief remarks in English, Netanyahu switched into Hebrew, saying he wanted to use "the newborn language of the people whom the Nazis sought to exterminate" and chanting the first line of the Jewish prayer for the dead.

"My murdered brothers and sisters and brothers who survived the inferno, I came here today from Jerusalem to say to you we will never forget." Netanyahu said. "We will not allow Holocaust deniers and desecrators of grave stones to erase or distort the memorv."

Netanyahu's remarks were a clear reference to Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinajad, who has called for Israel's demise and questioned the extent of the Holocaust.

In Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the nation's supreme leader, predicted the destruction of Israel in comments posted on his website yesterday, in some of his strongest remarks about the Jewish state in

"Definitely, the day will come when nations of the region will witness the destruction of the Zionist regime," Khamenei was quoted as saying. "How soon or late (Israel's demise) will happen depends on how Islamic countries and Muslim nations approach the issue."

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Not here: NYC business leaders

9-11 TRIAL Where should the men accused of planning the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks be tried? Not here, say some New York City business and community leaders. Even Mayor Michael Bloomberg said yesterday that he would be very happy" if federal officials decided to move the trial of professed Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. Downtown Manhattan civic leaders and the Real Estate Board of New York say the trial should not take place in Lower Manhattan, just blocks from the World Trade Center site.







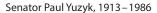








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Fawning and Facebook



need to quit Facebook before it gives me the brain of a child star.

Let me explain. I recently posted a flattering profile photo that a friend took of me at his birthday party. Within a few minutes, the comments came flooding in. "Luminous!" one friend wrote. "Stunning!" inhold the ADORABLE," offered an old school chum. Real-time Sofi beamed, basking in this onslaught of cyber com-

pliments.
Now, I am not "stunning." Not by any stretch

of the imagination. That said, I am more than OK with my looks, but would place them in the "average to mildly foxy" range. What my lovely Facebook friends and acquaintances were doing, whether they meant to or not, was acting as a chorus of Yes Men.

ing as a chorus of Yes Men. Yes Men are the managers, the proteges and the

hangers-on
of celebrities (not
that I am a
celebrity
— hear
me out).
Yes Men
never say
"No!" or
"Wrong!"
or "Bad!"
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celebrity's every whim is satisfied. Every opinion (no matter how ignorant or flat-out crazy) is validated. Even the most idiotic actions are rewarded with a pat on the head. This is why former child stars are, for the most part, certifiable messes; their versions of reality are tragically skewed.

When you leave a flattering comment on a friend's Facebook profile, you are stroking their ego, celebrity-style. This can be a good thing. It strengthens the bonds of your friendship and makes the recipient feel loved, appreciated and/or validated. But after months and years of Facebook compliments, of gold stars, of LIKES THIS ... we may start to lose touch with reality

ourselves. The reality is this: Not everything you do is awesome.

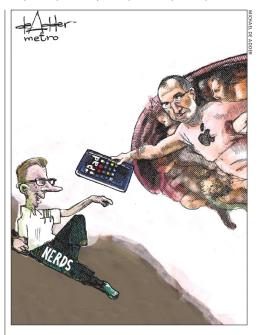
Sorry to be the one to break it to you. I mean, I'm sure you're really great and everything, but we've already seen that YouTube video a million times and no one cares to know which stupid crops you harvested on FarmVille.

Presumably, everyone on Facebook is a friend or fond acquaintance. Meaning that most of your interactions will be positive.

So here's a wacky thought: We should start adding enemies and acrimonious exes to Facebook! That way they can drop the odd, "My new boyfriend/girlfriend is way hotter and smarter than you. Also, why do you update your status every five minutes? Shut your virtual pie-hole already!"

Sometimes a heavy dose of perspective can be good.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.



Worth mentioning

PETA proposes robot for groundhog festival

An animal rights group wants organizers of Pennsylvania's Groundhog Day festival to replace Punxsutawney Phil with a robotic stand-in.

According to the longtime tradition, if Phil the groundhog sees his shadow Feb. 2, then there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not appear to see

his shadow, there will be an early spring.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says it's unfair to keep the animal in captivity and subject him to the huge crowds and bright lights that accompany tens of thousands of revellers each year in Punxsutawney. PETA is suggesting the use of an animatronic model.

But William Deeley, president of the Inner Circle of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, says the animal is "being treated better than the average child in Pennsylvania." The groundhog is

kept in a climate-controlled environment and is inspected annually by the state Department of Agriculture.

Deeley says PETA isn't interested in Phil from Feb. 2 on, and is looking for publicity.

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Views

World leaders mostly silent about FGM



Imagine if every year three million boys had their penises cut off. Sound outrageous?

Well, every year three million girls have parts or all of their clitorises cut off in a procedure known as female genital mutilation (FGM). The clitoris has double the nerve endings that a penis has so my analogy to chopping off little boys' organs isn't too far off.

There are four types of FGM, ranging from the most "minor" — known as clitoridectomy, which in-

volves the partial or total removal of the clitoris — to the most severe, known as infibulation, which involves removal of parts of the external genitalia followed by stitching together of what remains. The girl subjected to this then has her legs bound for about two weeks to create a seal over her genitals.

Have I been graphic enough?

And yet the world is mostly silent about the mutilation carried out on girls from infancy to about the age of 15 in at least 28 countries, mostly in Africa and the Middle East. Some immigrants have taken the practice with them to communities throughout the world. It is carried out for several reasons, including control of women's sexuality and initiation into womanhood.

FGM has no health benefits. Doctors say it causes lasting psychological trauma, extreme pain, chronic infections, bleeding, abscesses, tumours, urinary tract infections and infertility.

As you read this, British activist Julia Lalla-Maharajh will be at the World Economic Forum in Davos to shake the suits and wallets there into paying more attention to FGM. Her video appeal won the Davos Debates 2010 on YouTube, and on Jan. 30 she will be speaking on a panel about FGM.

It's important to remember FGM is not exclusive to one religion or social class. It is older than Christianity and Islam. Egyptian mummies are said to display characteristics of mutilation. And as recent as the 1950s, partial or total

removal of the clitoris was prescribed in western Europe and the United States in response to hysteria, epilepsy, mental disorders, masturbation, nymphomania, melancholia and lesbianism.

The international community must speak out on behalf of girls and women and pour more support into campaigns that have worked to end FGM in some communities. Campaigners say the most effective ways involve a mix of human rights, education, community development, health care, and alternative rites of passage. Here's hoping Julia Lalla-Maharajh cam persuade the suits and wallets.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.

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Federal Reserve to keep rates at record low

The U.S. Federal Reserve has decided to hold interest rates at a record low and pledged to keep them there for an "extended period" to nurture the economic recovery and lower high unemployment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Faulty gas pedal built in Ontario

TOYOTA The faulty gas pedal involved in a massive recall and sales suspension of eight popular Toyota models in North America was built in Ontario. The supplier is Indiana-

and the supplier is indianabased CTS Corp. and the problem part was manufactured at its plant in Mississauga, just west of Toronto.

CTS did not immediately return requests for comment.

Toyota said late Tuesday it would suspend Canadian and U.S. sales of eight models, including the Camry, the RAV4 and the Matrix.

The company is also halting production at six of its North American assembly plants, including both of its Canadian operations in the southwestern Ontario communities of Woodstock and Cambridge. Toyota Motor Corp. says it will also recall an additional 1.09 million vehicles in the United States over floor mat problems.

Toyota said yesterday the fresh recall would affect five models — 2008-2010 Highlander, 2009-2010 Corolla, 2009-2010 Venza, 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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What is "kaizen" and how can Toyota get it back after a massive recall over faulty gas pedals? Scan this code for the full story.

Part Part of the Control of the Cont

Apple CEO Steve Jobs presents the iPad in San Francisco, yesterday. The iPad has a 24.6-centimetre touch screen is 1.3 centimetres thick, weighs 680 grams and comes with up to 64 gigabytes of flash memory storage, as well as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth technology. No mention was immediately made of data connection through a wireless carrier. Jobs said the battery lasts for 10 hours, and that the device can sit for a month on standby without needing a charge.

Top women execs declining: Report

WORK A new report from an executive search firm says the number of women in top executive jobs at the largest publicly traded companies in Canada has stalled.

Rosenzweig & Company says in a statement yesterday the economic downturn has likely contributed to the finding that fewer than seven per cent of the most senior corporate offices are occupied by women, compared to 7.2 per cent last year.

The company says it has seen both progress and disappointment since it began $tracking\ these\ numbers.$

"This latest report finds the progress halted, but we're not so much disappointed this year as hopeful that things will pick up as the economy picks up and as more of these positions become available, more qualified women will fill them," managing partner Jay Rosenzweig says in a release.

The report says 35 women now hold top officer jobs in Canada's 100 largest publicly traded companies, down from 36 last year. There are 547 of these positions at the 100 companies.

Apple Inc. will sell the newly unveiled tablet-

newly unveiled tabletstyle iPad starting at \$499, a price tag far below the \$1,000 that some analysts were expecting.

The iPad, which is larger in size but similar in design to Apple's popular iPhone, was billed by CEO Steve Jobs yesterday as "so much more intimate than a laptop and so much more capable than a smart phone."

The highly anticipated gadget has a 24.6-centimetre touch screen, is 1.3 centimetres thick, weighs 680 grams and comes with 16, 32 or 64 gigabytes of flash

Tablets

Tablet computers have existed for a decade, with little success. Jobs acknowledged Apple will have to work to convince consumers who already have smartphones and laptops that they need this gadget.

Apple Inc. releases

memory storage. The basic iPad models will cost \$499 US — about \$530 at yesterday's exchange rate — \$599 and \$699, depending on the storage size.

All models have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity

built in. Jobs said the device has a battery that lasts 10 hours and can sit for a month on standby without needing a charge.

Apple will also sell a version with pay-as-you-go data plans from AT&T in the U.S. Two tiers of data plan will be available without contracts: \$14.99 per month for 250 megabytes of data, or \$29.99 for unlimited data usage.

Those 3G models will cost more — \$629, \$729 and \$829, depending on the amount of memory. The Wi-Fi only version will be available worldwide in March, and the 3G version

in April. International cellular data details have not yet been announced.

Apple had kept its "latest creation" tightly under wraps until yesterday's unveiling, though many analysts had correctly speculated that it would be a one-piece tablet computer with a big touch screen.

Jobs, 54, a pancreatic cancer survivor who got a liver transplant last year, looked thin as he introduced the highly anticipated gadget, though he seemed to have more energy than at Apple's last event in September.

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Workshare to be extended?

BUDGET The federal government may be preparing to extend the popular worksharing program introduced in last year's budget that has saved some workers from layoffs.

Transport Minister John Baird said yesterday he was not making an announcement, but said the program is seen as key to preserving jobs in the current economy.

Employment in Canada remains 323,000 below the peak prior to the recession and Prime Minister Harper has said he views creating jobs one of the key objectives of the upcoming March 4 budget.

In last January budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty extended the worksharing program by an additional 14 weeks to a full year, but some of those agreements start running out in the next month or so. The program allows firms to keep employees on a reduced work week. Employees on work-share qualify for employment insurance on days they have agreed to be idle.

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In **brief**

STEP DOWN The chief operating officer of Loblaw Companies Ltd. is leaving Canada's largest grocery retailer in March to become CEO of the fourth-largest supermarket chain in the United Kingdom. "We are both pleased and sad to announce that Dalton Philips has been appointed chief executive officer of Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC," said president Allan Leighton. **RESTRUCTURE** Canwest Global Communications says 89 per cent of the senior secured lenders to its Canwest LP subsidiary have voted in favour of restructuring plan.

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The agent for Kurt Warner says the Arizona Cardinals quarterback will hold a news conference tomorrow to announce whether he will retire from the game. Mark Bartelstein said yesterday the announcement will be made at the Cardinals training facility in Tempe. Bartelstein declined to reveal Warner's decision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Danton scores in debut

Former NHL player Mike Danton, left, scored a goal in his first hockey game in st six years last night. The 29-year-old forward made his CIS hockey debut rith the Saint Mary's Huskies during a 4-1 defeat to the Acadia Axemen. Danton's NHL career ended abruptly when he was convicted in April 2004 in a murder-for-hire plot in the United States.

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Talbot's tail-off continues

PENGUINS Nobody's giving Max Talbot the superstar treatment these days.

Talbot, a checking line forward for most of his five-season NHL career. significantly raised his visibility by scoring both goals for the Pittsburgh Penguins in their dramatic 2-1 victory over Detroit in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals in June. That's what is making Talbot's tail-off this season so difficult for him to accept. His linescore since that night



Max Talbot

One goal, five points and a whole lot of disappointment while missing half of

in Detroit:

the Penguins' 54 games due to multiple injuries.

"Last spring was fun, it's nice to put up numbers, Talbot said yesterday. "It was tough missing the first 20 games, trying to get back to the level I can play. If you get frustrated and start seeing negative points, it's not going to be better. I'm not trying to point fingers or make excuses, that's what happened."

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Sens not out for revenge

Instead of getting payback for captain's injury, club just wants to win

NHL PREVIEW

Ottawa at Pittsburgh





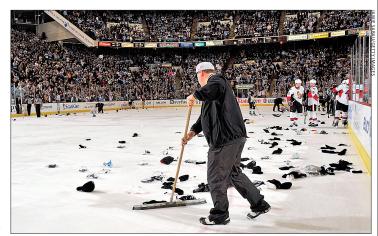
The Ottawa Senators lost more than just a game the last time they visited Pittsburah.

An 8-2 blowout two days before Christmas cost Ottawa the services of its most important player, captain Daniel Alfredsson, and a measure of pride.

"I saw the first seven minutes of it, then I didn't watch any of the game," Al-fredsson said yesterday of the game in which he suffered a separated shoulder when run over by Penguins right-winger Craig Adams.

"I just heard the horn go off more times than I would have liked."

Having recovered on both fronts — Alfredsson with his shoulder; the team with its confidence – it should be a different story tonight when the Senators visit Mellon Are-



A Mellon Arena employee sweeps hats thrown onto the ice after forward Evgeni Malkin of the Penguins scored a hat trick against the Senators on Dec. 23 at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh.

As much as that last game was forgettable, this one could be a little more memorable as Ottawa has the chance to equal a franchise record with its eighth straight victory.

"We're not looking for payback for that ogame," Alfredsson said. one

"We're just looking to continue our thing.'

And right now, the Sena-

tors' thing seems to be working.

The last time they won this many games was when they set the franchise mark with an eightgame run between Oct. 13 and Nov. 6, 2007.

"We're a much better team. We've got more bodies and we've been playing as a team. We've had a good stretch," centre Mike

Fisher said.

"We've beat some good teams lately."

Jason Spezza agrees.

When you're winning, you're playing with a lot of confidence," said Spezza, who scored in Tuesday's 3-

0 win over New Jersey. "The room is upbeat right now and guys are having a good time.

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Sports in brief

GUNS NBA commissioner David Stern has suspended Washington Wizards quards Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton for the remainder of the season for having guns in the locker room.

NHL The Minnesota Wild assigned winger Petr Sykora to Houston of the AHL yesterday, the next step toward cutting ties with him. Svkora, however, isn't expected to report.

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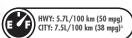
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NBA's rookie-sophomore game an international affair

Forwards Jonas Jerebko and Omri Casspi, the first NBA players from Sweden and Israel respectively, were selected for the annual rookie-sophomore game next month as part of all-star festivities. The game, pitting rookies against second-year players, will be played Feb. 12 in Dallas ahead of the NBA All-Star game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Golf needs him to come back:' Mickelson on Tiger Woods

GOLF The biggest crowd at Torrey Pines yesterday formed a semicircle around the 10th tee to watch Phil Mickelson, who suddenly is more than a hometown hero.

He is looked upon now to deliver star power in the absence of Tiger Woods.

Typically, Mickelson relishes just about any challenge that involves Woods. Just not this one.

"Nobody will be able to

Limited communication

 Mickelson did confirm that he has tried to reach out to his longtime rival, Woods, and had "limited communication." "With the family — not necessarily saying with who in the family," Mickelson said.

... fill the shoes," Mickelson said.

Speaking for the first time since Woods' spectacular and sordid downfall led to an indefinite break, Mickelson didn't bother waiting for the first question at his press conference before the Farmers Insurance Open.

He offered a pre-emptive strike filled with compassion and perspective, even if it was short on detail.

"The game of golf needs him to come back," Mickelson said.

"It's important for him to come back and be a part of the sport. But right now, he's got a lot more important things going on in his life.

"Amy and I are good friends with both Tiger and Elin, and we care deeply about how this turns out."

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Rooney's goal gives Man U win over rivals

Defending champion
Manchester United
overcame archrival
Manchester City to reach
the League Cup final, but
was toppled from the English Premier League summit by Chelsea yesterday.

Wayne Rooney's 21st goal of the season in stoppage time prevented the Manchester derby going into extra time, and clinched a 3-1 victory at Old Trafford to send United through 4-3 on aggregate.

"There was a lot of spice and at the end there was a special kind of celebration," United manager Alex Ferguson said.

"We stayed patient and looked a threat when we

stepped it up.
"I thought
Wayne Rooney
produced a
world-class
performance
tonight, he
played bet-

ter than he did on Saturday when he scored four goals (against Hull). Phenome-

United will play Aston Villa in the Feb. 28 final.

"I thought Wayne Rooney produced a world-class performance."

Alex Ferguson, United manager

Big-spending City has not contested a final since 1981

In London, Frank Lampard scored twice as Chelsea cruised to a 3-0 victory over Birmingham to go a point ahead of United in the title race.

Arsenal was a further point adrift in third after being held to 0-0 at seventh-place Villa, which moved four points clear of

Crosstown rival
Birmingham.
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Saints may be 'America's team', but that's fine with the Colts

NFL With the New Orleans Saints in their first Super Bowl, memories of Hurricane Katrina still lingering and close ties between the team and the city's rebuilding effort, they are this year's senti-

Colts

this year's sentimental favourite. The rival Indi-

understand.
They just want to play the role of spoiler next week.

anapolis

"There's a reason America is pulling for New Orleans, and why wouldn't they? They've been through a lot," said Colts safety Antoine Bethea.

"Sports tends to pull people together, so it's commendable for New Orleans to be, as I guess you'd say, America's team right now. But at the same time, we're going to go out there as the Indianapolis Colts and play ball."

The reach of New Or-

leans' fans goes all the way to the highest levels of the White House.

"You know, I think both teams are terrific," President Barack Obama told

ABC News. "I guess I am rooting a little bit for the Saints as the underdog, partly just because when I think about what's happened in New Orleans over the last several years and how

eral years and how much that team means to them. You know, I'm pretty sympathetic." The Colts know they're

The Colts know they're still the favourite in at least one state, Indiana, and one city, Las Vegas.

Bookmakers have installed them as a 5-point favourite, prompting Obama and others to hope for an upset on Feb. 7 in Miami.

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I Need An Angel

I was recently diagnosed with a very rare cancer that affects only 1 in 300,000 people. And I don't have very many options available to me. In fact, I only have one... I need to undergo a liver transplant within the next 2-3 months.

Under the Canadian Medical Transplant guidelines, most cancer patients may have to wait up to 2 years. Sadly, I would not be able to sustain that long. However, if I can provide the surgeons with a "live" donor, I can undergo the transplant sooner than later. And this is what myself and my family live in hope of.

Essentially, a "live" donor is a willing candidate that would donate a portion, or lobe, of their liver. Although this is a serious procedure, the outcome for the donor is that they would typically recover within 3-4 weeks and their liver will regenerate or grow back to its normal size in as little as 6 weeks after the operation. As a result, I would be given a second lease on life.

I am hoping that a healthy adult between the ages of 18-60 with O type blood is going to volunteer for this life-saving surgery.

It's against the law for me to offer anyone money for this procedure. So, I ask at the mercy of all, that there's an angel out there with a heart of gold.

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Unofficial ads slammed

The U.S. Olympic Committee attacked non-official advertising tied to next month's Vancouver Olympics, claiming it damages the companies that struck official deals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Pilot Pierre Lueders, front, and team members Justin Kripps, Jesse Lumsden and Neville Wright compete in their first run of the four-man bobsleigh competition during the FIBT Bob & Skeleton World Cup Dec. 13, 2009, in Winterberg, Germany.

Veteran bobsledder has untested crew

Fifth Games for Lueders, first for teammates

On the web

Learn more about

Pierre Lueders in an

interactive profile at

Bobsledder Pierre Lueders will drive for two more medals next month at the Vancouver Olympics, but he'll do it with two rookies in his sled.

Lueders will drive with Edmonton Eskimos running back Jesse Lumsden, track star Neville Wright both from Edmonton and pusher Justin Kripps of Summerland, B.C., behind

The veteran pilot headlines the list of 18 athletes who were officially named to Canada's bobsled team for the Games yesterday. While Lueders has yet to win a medal on the World Cup circuit this season, he's confident he can make it back to the Olympic podi-

"The way I look at it we're in the playoffs, and how often have you seen teams written off that were not expected to do anything in any sport and suddenly in a big event they're right

metronews.ca/sports there," Lueders said, "I don't worry about it too much. My entire objective for the season was to be prepared for the Olympics, and the way it looks right now

that's where we're headed." Vancouver will be the fifth Olympics for the 39year-old Lueders. The Edmonton native won gold in Nagano in 1998 and silver in Turin in 2006, both in the two-man events. He also has 88 career medals on the World Cup circuit.

Lumsden and Wright have about a year's experi-ence, while Kripps has four years in the sled but is headed to his first Olympics.

Lumsden has been with Lueders on the two-man sled for half this World Cup season and is set to do so again in Vancouver.

"For everything that's happened over the last three years of my life, to have this opportunity to represent my country is the greatest feeling I've had in sports," Lumsden said.

Yesterday's announcement ceremony was held in front of 700 flag-waving schoolchildren at a Calgary elementary school.

In Canada's other sled, Lyndon Rush of Humboldt, Sask., will have Edmonton's Dave Bissett, Calgary's Lascelles Brown and Chris Le Bihan of Kelowna, B.C., with him when he drives in his first Olympics.

Bissett had been Lueders' drivemate for the last few years before being replaced this season. He is a late replacement for Humphries, who raced with Rush all year, but became a liability for the Games due to an ailing hip.

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Formula forecasts Canada will lead the medal parade

PREDICTION Canada will indeed own the podium at the Vancouver Ólympics, according to a medals projection by a Colorado College economics professor. Daniel Johnson, a Canadi-

an who serves as the Gerald L. Schlessman Professor of Economics and director of the Innovative Minds Program at Colorado College, Olympic medal numbers since 1999
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when he did Daniel Johnhis first preson predicts diction for that Canada 2000 the will win 27 Games. Since medals in Vancouver, includthen, his figing five golds. He predicts 26 have been 94 per medals each for the U.S. and Norway. cent accurate actual for

medal counts and 87 per cent for gold medals.

Johnson's numbers say Canada will win 27 total medals, including five gold, at the Vancouver-Whistler Games. The U.S. and Nor-

way will come next apiece (including five gold for the Americans and four for the Norwegians), fol-lowed by Ausfol-

tria (25 medals, four gold), Sweden (24, 4), Russia (23, 8), Germany (20,7), Italy (19, 3), Finland (14, 4) and Switzerland (13, 4).

Interestingly, Johnson's model has virtually nothing to do with the athletes involved. It instead focuses on per capita income, population, climate and political structure of countries, combined with 60 years of Olympic results.

"It's the same process economists use to come up with to predict the unemployment rate," Johnson

said yesterday in an interview. "If you want to predict the unemployment rate next month, it would be foolish to try to predict whether you or I individually will be employed. That's absurd. There's so many personal factors at stake.

"But if we want to predict what per cent of the labour force will be unemployed, well, we have a pretty good sense of how that unem-

ployment rate correlates other nomic things that we can measure."

One thing that Johnson does take into account is

the advantage of being the host country.

"It's probably the single most important factor, if considered individually," he said. "During the Summer Games, the home advantage

Daniel John-

dicted Cana-

da's medal

haul in Beijing, calling for 17

medals but no gold. The ac-

tual total was 18, including

three gold.

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is really huge, the home country usually wins about 25 or 26 more medals than they would if they were not hosting the Games.

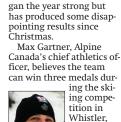
"In the Winter Games, that advantage is smaller partly because the variation in who hosts is smaller and because the number of nations who participate is smaller, so the advantage is three medals — one of them

Johnson admitted he had under-predicted Canada by some seven medals in 2006.

"It would be great if we did that again," he said jokingly. "On the other hand, we have corrected now for that underestimation.'

THE CANADIAN PRESS





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of people that can do it," Gartner **Paradis** said during a conference call. "You just have less bullets.

"I think

we still have

the quality

"We are still very confident we have athletes that can get us those medals." Included among the vet-

erans named to the team are Emily Brydon of Fernie, B.C., Erik Guay of Mont-Tremblant, Que., Calgary's Jan Hudec, plus Michael and Britt Janyk of Whistler, B.C. Between them this group has seven World Cup wins, 25 podium finishes and two world championship medals since the 2006 Turin Games.

"Some of those top athletes have matured quite a bit over the last few years from contenders to actually winning races," Gartner said. "I would say our top athletes certainly know how to win now.

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Scene&Heard

The Wright stuff

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If you know the littlest bit about comedy, you've def-initely heard of Steven Wriaht.

And if you haven't, chances are, you'd recognize his voice.

Known for his distinctly lethargic voice and deadpan delivery of witty and jokes and one-liners, the Massachusetts native is the first to acknowledge that his voice "has really helped my career."

It's recognizable, even in the most removed situa-tions — "I'll call up to make an airline reservation or a hotel reservation, and they'll recognize my voice," he said - but it's his perseverance and wit that's brought the Academy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated comedian where he is today.

Wright, who's in Canada "every couple of years" and who performs at the Centrepointe Theatre tomorrow as a part of a North American tour said Canadians stand out for him.

"People laugh more in

Canada," Wright said.
"I've played different countries — England, Ireland Australia and Canada and in Canada, they laugh the most," Wright said. "The last two TV specials were taped in Toronto for that reason — the audience is really good."

Tomorrow night, fans can expect to hear jokes spanning Wright's 30-year career — "a mix of new jokes, older jokes and medium jokes" that he's written over the years.

Of course, in classic Steven Wright style, the 80-minute performance features a subject change "about once every five sec-

"I'll be talking about life and lint, and trains and ba-bies and the moon," he said. "I'll cover a lot of different subjects and I'll be

"I've played different countries ... and in Canada, they laugh the most."

Comedian Steven Wright



playing some songs on the guitar.

It was 1979 when Wright began performing at open mike nights at the Boston comedy club the Comedy Connection.

Now 54, his career highlights include going on the Tonight Show for the first time, and winning an Academy Award in 1989.

But it was appearing on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson that was "my goal and dream," he

It was August of 1982, and a producer saw the then-26-year-old in a little club. "I went on the show three weeks later," he said.

"I was completely stunned and shocked. It was amaz-

The process in which he writes material hasn't changed over three

He doesn't just sit down to write; rather, ideas come to him naturally and are often inspired by reallife situations and events.

"It just comes from noticing things. Sometimes, things will jump out and if I twist it around, it becomes a good joke."

Despite his success, Wright said he's just a regular guy.

"I travel a lot, and most of my friends live in Los Angeles, but I don't have a Hollywood lifestyle," said. After living in New York City and Los Angeles for many years, Wright returned to Massachusetts eight years ago, where he home in

Carlisle

In his spare time, he likes to read, watch movies, write songs, paint and draw.

And he never takes anything for granted.

"I feel lucky to make a living from my imagination," he said.

_augh out loud with local comed shows, contest

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The nation's capital may be a buttoned-up government town by day, but that doesn't mean people here don't know how to let their hair down and have good laugh.

Perfect for chasing away the winter blues, the next few months are busy times in Ottawa, with both well-

known and amateur comics slated to take the stage.

This week, performing at the downtown Yuk Yuk's Thursday through Saturday is headliner Shannon
Laverty with Michelle
Shaughnessy and Claire
Brosseau in a discretionadvised show. Next month features Kate Davis from Feb. 4-6, **Tom Simmons** from Feb. 11-13, a Valentine's Day show Feb. 14, Dana Alexander and Peter

White Feb. 18 to 20 and **Chris Quigley** Feb. 25 to 27.

Over at the Preston Street Yuk Yuk's, **Glen Fos**ter, called That Canadian Guy, is performing his One-Month Stand show this month. There's still time to catch Foster, a headliner on the Canadian comedy circuit for more than 20 years, Friday and Saturday.

Stand-up veteran Lawrence Morgenstern is on stage Feb. 5 and 6, Mike Beatty is on Feb. 12 and 13, and Peter White, who was named one of the top five up-and-coming comics in Canada by CBC Radio One, along with Wafik Nasralla, are scheduled for Feb. 19 and 20. Graham Chittenden is on Feb. 26 and 27.

Think you got what it takes? In February and March, grab the mike and ham it up in the 2010 Laugh Off.

pare six-minute sets for the contest, which is open to all amateur and professional comics. The contest runs Wednesdays. Yuk Yuk's will book 14 acts per week for a total of 56 spot in February. Sign up by calling 613-236-5233; lines open at 10 a.m. on Feb. 2. There is no fee to participate, but since the spots go fast, organizers suggest to keep trying until you get through.

The competition will be held every Wednesday starting Feb. 3, with the semifinals — consisting of the top three from each week for a total of 12 acts - held on March 3.

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Scene&Heard

Five clowns central to Danish Play

ANDREW SZTEIN for Metro Ottawa

Turning the tragic into the hilarious is what performing Shakespeare's Danish Play is all about for a Com-

pany of Fools.
"Shakespeare's Danish
Play is actually two stories,"
said Scott Florence, one of
the co-founders of the Company of Fools and a per-

former in the play. "It's the story of William Shakespeare's Hamlet, and it's also a story of five clowns attempting to perform it."

According to Florence, there has been a superstition in theatrical circles for several centuries that Macbeth is a cursed play, and that Shakespeare actually used real witches' spells in the play.

"There is a long and sto-



The Company of Fools are performing their version of vaudeville mirth and merriment at the Gladstone Theatre next month.

ried history of tragic events happening," he said, referring to prior productions of Macbeth throughout the years.

In The Danish Play, five clowns want to put on a production of Hamlet, believing that Hamlet is actually Shakespeare's cursed play. Humour and hijinks ensue as these vaudeville performers try to replicate one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies.

"A lot of actors won't refer to Macbeth by name," said Florence. "They'll call it the Scottish play. The clowns refer to Hamlet as the Danish Play, and everything that can go wrong does go wrong."

One of the goals of the production is to be accessible to both fans of Shakespeare and the uninitiated.

"We're not re-enacting the play," said Alix Sideris, a newcomer to the Company of Fools who performs in the production. "But what it does do is that it may inspire people to read the play. We take a very classic play and offer it in such a way that it may intrigue (the audience) to read it."

Merging clowns and fools within tragedy has always been a Shakespearean staple, even in his most tragic of plays. Shakespeare's Danish Play takes that idea and runs with it by turning all the performers into fools. Shakespeare "believed in the power of laughter, and we're just taking that and pushing it," said Sideris.

A Company of Fools got its start in Ottawa in 1990,

and The Danish Play represents the 20th anniversary of the production in its 21st season; Florence has been a part of it since the beginning.

"We're an Ottawa-based Theatre company," he said. "Part of our mandate is to create more original theatre for Ottawa audiences and then bring that theatre to audiences across Canada. We're here to say that Ottawa is not the city where fun went to die, it's the city where fun is coming to you."

Want to go?

 Shakespeare's Danish Play runs at the Gladstone Theatre from Jan. 28 to Feb. 27.
 Tickets are available at the Gladstone Theatre box office at 910 Gladstone Ave., or by calling 613-233-4523. Or, you can visit the Gladstone Theatre website at theglad-

Ottawa offers plenty of options for theatre buffs

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Wintertime is play time in Ottawa.

And by play time, we're referring to scripted interactions between characters performed live in front of an audience, of course.

Most the city's theatre

companies are just starting the second half of their season, so there is still a lot of drama, comedy, and tragedy to catch over the next few months.

The Ottawa Little Theatre's production of **Drink**ing **Alone** ends on Jan. 30. After a short break, **The Memory of Water**, directed by Geoff Gruson, opens there on Feb. 16.

This tragic-comedic play, by Shelagh Stephenson, tells the story of three sisters, each struggling with their own issues, who come together for their mother's funeral.

The play explores how the sisters' memories interact with each other and that, despite being in the same place at the same time, they experienced events very differently.

With Bash'd, a Gay Rap Opera ending its run on Jan. 31, the Great Canadian Theatre Company will spend the next month preparing for the March 2 opening of Blood.

The play is a coming-of-

age story about Mudgu SanKofa, a 15-year-old girl in Kingston, Jamaica. As the blood from both life and death cycles through her, Mudgu meets her obsessively clean grandmother, a machete-wielding stranger, her reggae-loving boyfriend and her pious aunt. Mudgu's mother, who left her in search of a better life for herself and her daughter in Canada, helps her come to terms with her past, present and future.

Over at the Gladstone Theatre, **Shakespeare's Danish Play** will be running until the Feb. 27. The production by A Company of Fools is a "hilarious reimagining of Hamlet" with clown duo Pomme and Restes and friends taking on Shakespeare's masterpiece.

After the Fools have had

their way with Hamlet, the Gladstone is the scene of an entire different production, with the tragic musical **Blood Brothers**, opening on April 8.

The play tells the story of the Johnstone twins, Mickey and Eddie, who were separated at birth but reunited and became friends. On March 5, the Orpheus Musical Society production of **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** begins its 10-day run at the Centrepointe Theatre.

The musical comedy is based on the novel by Mark Twain about a 14-year-old boy growing up in St. Petersburg, Mo., in 1840. Just like the novel, the play has Tom matching wits with his stern Aunt Polly, falling in love with Becky Thatcher, and finding adventure with Huckleberry Finn.



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Nathan Cuckow and Chris Craddock get Bash'd at the Great Canadian Theatre Company in Ottawa, which runs through Jan. 31.

Final weekend to catch Bash'd

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The gay rap opera genre has come to Ottawa.

Bash'd, a "homo hiphop" show conceived by stars Nathan Cuckow and Chris Craddock in Edmonton, has been on tour for the past three years — and it's making the rounds at the Great Canadian Theatre Company in Ottawa until Jan. 31.

As described by Cuckow, Bash'd is a "high-energy musical gay love story." "It's kind of like Romeo

"It's kind of like Romeo and Juliet, but with two guys," he said. "It's the story of Jack and Dillon, two guys who meet, fall in love, and get married. One of them is gay bashed, which prompts the other one to go out and seek revenge."

While the Shakespearean parallels in the main plotline are clear, Bash'd takes a very different story-telling approach than the Bard would. By using hiphop and rap as a vehicle to tell the story, Bash'd attempts to be equal parts funny and dramatically

thought-provoking. The two emcess of the show are a pair of gay rappers named Feminem and Tbag, who provide the story's parration

ry's narration.
"It's a universal story," said Cuckow. "If you know what its like to love somebody, it's something you should be able to connect to regardless of what your sexual orientation is."

The inspiration to use rap as the genre of music was satirical, ironic, and historical for Cuckow and Craddock.

Cuckow said rap is "typically a genre of music that glamorizes violence, so to explore a story about a gay couple using this music, there's lots of different ways to connect it to our storytelling in a unique way."

Cuckow also believes that rap and hip-hop are the "voice of social action and empowering to minorities," while citing examples like Public Enemy and Grandmaster Flash as artists who successfully used the genre to connect people to a particular movement.

The show features solely

Want to go?

• Bash'd runs at the Great Canadian Theatre Company until Jan. 31. Tickets are available by calling 613-236-5196.

Cuckow and Craddock playing all the roles, female and male, for the entire hour-long running time. While the characters of Feminem and T-bag were originally created at the turn of the millennium, Bash'd was conceived in 2006, around the time that former Alberta premier Ralph Klein tried to use the notwithstanding clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to bar gay marriage.

Cuckow believes that Bash'd has a little something for everyone and that it "works best with a mixed audience as possible, be they old, young, rich, poor, gay, straight. That's the magic of it, when it's all said and done. You have all these different types of people in the audience who feel connected."





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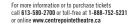
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Alicia Keys and John Mayer will both be performing next month at Scotiabank Place.

Concerts abound

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It's a tough call. Mariah Carey is performing at Scotiabank Place on Feb. 6, the same night that blues singer and pianist Julian Fauth is appearing at The Rainbow Bistro.

Bluesfest, the Jazz Festival, FolkFest, Chamberfest and the summer concert festivals are months away, but there is no shortage of live music to be found in Ottawa, from the superstars to the hidden gems.

If the big stars are coming to Ottawa this winter, they will have to schedule their concerts around the Ottawa Senators home games.

Scotiabank Place is hosting several big shows, including **Guns N' Roses** on Jan. 30, **Mariah Carey** on Feb. 6, a special Valentine's Day **Blue Rodeo** concert, followed by **John Mayer** on Feb. 16, with **Alicia Keys** on Feb. 26.

Even though she's regularly seen in the stands at hockey games, Carrie **Underwood** will be performing at Scotiabank Place on March 24. The Senators will there play the night before, so will Mike Fisher join her on stage?

Underwood fans will have little time to recover, since some may likely want to head back out to Kanata for the **Billy Talent**

Mariah Carey plays Scotiabank Place on Feb. 6, while Carrie Underwood, far right, is set to perform on March 24.



Guns N' Roses, starring Axl Rose, come to town on Jan. 30.

concert on March 26.

The last week of March could unofficially be named a festival. Even though **Our Lady Peace** could likely fill Scotiabank Place, the Canadian rockers are playing two intimate shows at the Centrepointe Theatre on March 22 and 23.

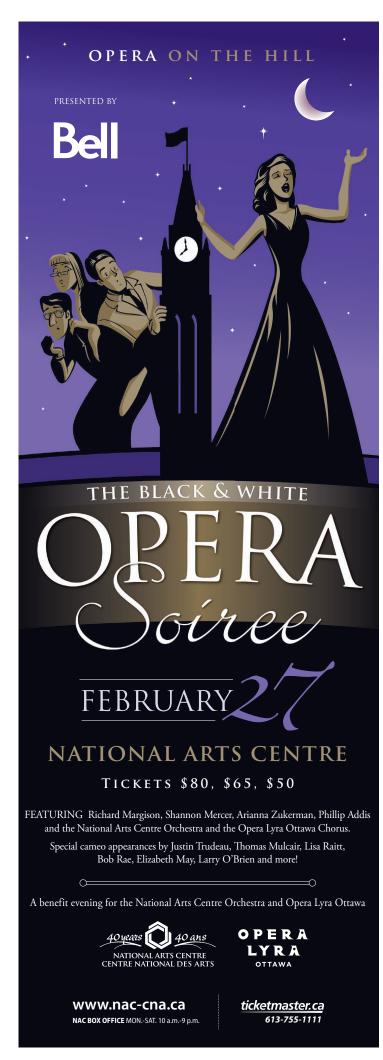
That is followed at the Centrepointe by **Michael** Bolton on March 24. Chantal Kreviaziuk, wife of Our Lady Peace lead singer Raine Maida, will warm up the Centrepointe for the bank with a concert on Feb. 6.

Soul/hip-hop singer Jully Black will also hit up the Centrepointe on March 18. Country artist Gord Bamford will take the same stage the next night.

For an even more intimate setting, By Divine Right will be playing at Mavericks with You Call Yourself Soldiers tomorrow night.

Musical everyman Colin James will be at the National Arts Centre Southam Hall on the Jan. 31. And Mini Mansions featuring Michael Shuman of Queens of the Stone Age will be playing Zaphod Beeblebrox on Feb. 6.





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Scene&Heard

Joy for the art lover

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Ottawa's art galleries will play host to artists from across Canada and around the world in 2010.

Two new exhibits will be opening at the Ottawa Art Gallery at 2 Daley Ave. on Feb. 25.

Subjecting Figures is a show about representations of the female body. It features many works from the OAG's Firestone Collection of Canadian Art, as well as Ottawa artist Chantal Gervais, a professor of photography and video at the University of Ottawa.

Exploding View includes the work of artists from Ottawa, Winnipeg, Wisconsin, and Belgium. The guiding theme of the exhibition is the grotesque; exhibition curator Emily Falvey said that the artists' work "explores this bizarre æsthetic dimension, a borderland between organic and inorganic, person and thing, living and non-living."



Ottawa's art galleries will play host to several artists this year.

H'Art of Ottawa, a studio that encourages self-ex-pression for people with developmental disabilities, will be having an exhibit at the Ottawa Bagel Shop and Deli, 1321 Wellington St. W., from March 15 to May 3. The exhibit will feature about 80 paintings from the studio's unique artists.

The National Gallery of Canada is gearing up for several special exhibitions in the coming months. Opening Feb. 5 is a **collec**tion of 19th-century French photography. The exhibit photographs created by early photographic processes, including daguerreotypes and photogravure prints.

Also at the National Gallery will be a showing of Nicolas Baier's latest works. Baier, an avantgarde Montreal-based photographer, has titled the exhibition Pareidolias. "Pareidolia" is the act of ascribing significance to an uncorrelated perception for example, seeing shapes in clouds. Baier's photography stimulates the imagination and encourages viewers to find their own pareidolias in his work. The show opens Feb. 12.

The National Gallery will also be presenting this year's winners of the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts, from April 3 to June 20. Seven artists will be recognized at the awards, in-cluding one who will win Saidye Bronfman Award for fine crafts. The awards are usually announced in March.



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for added creativity.
"I use white china and accessorize in flowers and linen," said Virginie Martocq, interior decorator and home editor at Chatelaine. "Dim lighting for me is key and that is complemented

by candlelight. I always choose white candles never scented as you don't want the food and the candle to compete."

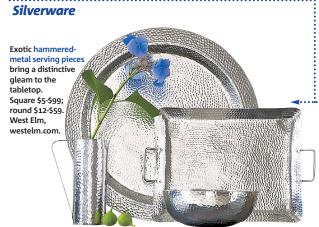
Place a candle in a square vase surrounded by stemless flowers. For flowers Martocq suggests hyacinths, winterbig-bloom drangeas, or tulips in one color, either cut into little glasses or potted in a wine bucket. Keep centerpieces low so conversation across the table is unimpeded.

"The easiest way to get a good look is to grab a whole bunch of big blooms and put them all over the house in various vases," Martocq said.

Don't worry about the house being perfect and orderly, Martocq said.
"I think dimming the

lights can hide a lot of sins.

Tiny swallows flock to the edges of this sleek Italian dinnerware titled Birds-On-A-Wire. Anthropologie, \$14-\$21, anthropologie.com.



A trio of mouthglass beads hovers within each of these graceful silverplated metal and glass Dew Drop **Coffee Spoons. Set** of six, \$78. Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

Wood-ware

These artful Acacia Entertaining pieces are crafted of richly grained acacia wood with a bleached finish. West Elm, \$19-\$59, westelm.com.

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Hockey-inspired collection

Style



Clothing for the Shore?

is capitalizing on her new-found fame with a collection of skimpy madeto-order party tops. The cleavage-baring garments can be seen on her website (jwoww.com). However, the reality star recently Tweeted to fans that web sales have been discontintued and that her clothing line is com-

varovski's Red

Queen Heart

rings (\$100),

and Cards ear-

above, and ring

(\$120), far right.

All about Alice

New film inspires collections by top fashion brands

Swarovski's

limited edition Alice in

Wonderland collection debuts

the last week of February. The

line is available at all

Swarovski gallery stores.

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Pictured: Swarovski's

Tea Party White

Rabbit pendant (\$160).

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The designers have spoken: Alice is this . season's It Girl.

From haute couture, to delicate Swarovski pendants, and even her own OPI nail polish line, everyone is trying to get a

piece of Ms. Wonder-land before her new Disney-backed movie hits the big screen in March.

Banking on director Tim Burton's reputation for visual genius, Disney asked number

ers to cre-

on the film's

bizarrely

colourfully

whimsical

And what

a response

gothic,

look.

they

With

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original pieces based

ate

Secretary and the

Stella Mc-Cartney, Alexander McQueen and Christopher Kane all gearing up to release their Alice-inspired

items next month, it's clear that something about Alice has hit a chord amongst the creative set. Hollywood fashion designer Sue Wong, who creat-

ed more than 10 new dresses based on the film, claims it was her childhood love of Disney, coupled with an admiration for Burton's cinematic style that led to her participation.

"There is always a fantasy element to (Burton's) work, informed by a bit of dark, gothic humor, and his

work is highly visual, often with a period twist," says Wong. "As I do a lot of period

adaptations

in my

design work, and the pe riod for Alice is set in the Victorian era, it was not a stretch to incorporate Victorian elements and details." Wong's collection,

which features sexy vampish looks inspired by the Red Queen alongside more girlish, innocent designs based on Al-

ice's character. range from \$329 US to \$609 can be found on the de-signer's web-

suewong.com.

Not to be ex-cluded from the tea party, luxury crystal Swarovski has also leased a special Alice in Wonderland collection

called

land." The colourful jewelry pieces are a departure from the company's more simple, traditional fare.

Highlights include a pink flower garden pendant with a crystal drop (\$105), a gold White Rabbit charm necklace (\$160), and a Red Queen of Hearts ring

Diana Mazzuca, Swarovski's public relations and communications manager,

says the collection sets a precedent for the brand.

"We've always had a piece that has been featured in movies, like our iconic Nirvana pendant in Sex and the City, but this is the first time Swarovski has actually developed an entire collection around a film.

Whether Burton has a critical and box office hit remains to be seen. but based on the caliber of creative talent his film has attracted, this Alice has undoubtedly become one of Disney's most stylish muses.

Right: Designer Sue Wong's Alice in Wonderland-inspired babydoll dress (\$399 US). It is part of the Sue Wong for Walt Disney Signature collection.



Right: Sue Wong didn't just focus on Alice for her Wonderland collection. She also gives a nod to the Red Queen with this sexy, red cocktail dress (\$399 US).

Far Right: Smashing Time necklace, part of the Tom Binns for Walt Disney signature line, ranging from \$1,000 US to \$2,000. And Swarovski's Mad Hatter Bracelet

(\$150).

Purchase Sue Wong

dresses at online at

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ers who have jumped down the rabbit hole are Ann De meulemeester, Martin Margiela, Bernhard Willhelm, and Manish Arora, whose one-off Alice dresses will be featured in the window of Parisian department store Printemps throughout the month of



Some of the other design-

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Alicia Keys had a lot to smile about on her 29th birthday on Monday — an engagement ring from her producer beau,

Swizz Beatz. A pal says Beatz proposed with a seven-carat sparkler right before her big day. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

The nominees

year's Oscar nominations. The star will join Academy President Tom Sherak to announce the names or

Basia Bulat bares her heart

Basia Bulat

Album: Heart of My Own Label: Secret City/Universal Rating: ###

THERE'S DOUBT Basia Bulat's Polaris Music Prize nomination



helped her get more gigs at home and abroad, but who needs awards after creating a disc this good? The Toronto-born singer songwriter's followup to critically acclaimed Oh, My Darling, is a big step in the right direction. While her tunes are still rooted in folk pop, the arrangements are louder, more complex, yet still intimate. It's all pretty good, but If Only You, a rollicking country tune, complete with horns and keys, will easily be many fans'

Corinne Bailey Rae

Album: The Sea Label: Virgin/EMI Rating: @@@1/2

CDTHIS looking for upbeat an hit like Put Your



Records On. You're not going to find it here. What you will find is an uncompromising artist with a sweet, jazzy lilt to her voice that's warm enough to melt an iceberg. Rae puts aside all thoughts of entering the pop side of R&B. contemporary choosing to push ahead into more sophisticated territories occupied by respected jazz and soul singers like Liz Wright



Heart of My Own is the followup to Basia Bulat's Polaris-nominated album Oh, My Darling.

Album**Reviews**

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Madeleine Peyroux. Rae lost her husband, saxophonist Jason Rae, to a drug overdose in 2008. Many of the

she handles it delicately with style and grace standout on tracks

Woodhands

Album: Remorsecapade Label: Paper Bag Rating: @@@@

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have the energy of an overcapacity warehouse party. And that kind of location would best suit the uninhibited spirit of this album. Their songs work like a dualaction formula — they can evoke both the need for a dance-off and a heart-toheart. Pockets sings about holding hands but sweats from the burst of disco punk, Sluts calls on erratic rhythms to address promiscuity as a unisex issue and Dissembler softens up for some smitten boy-girl electro pop. When The Party Is

> end to the party, but like a musical Viagra, Remorsecapade leaves you keyed up and ready to go all over again.

> > /for Metro



Worthington in talks for Dracula role

Sam Worthington is in talks to bring Dracula back from the dead. The Aussie hunk is the frontrunner to land the lead in Alex Proyas' Dracula Year Zero. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Town Called Panic breaks out

BRIAN COULTON



If you mention the words "Panique au village" in Brussels, chances are you'll be accosted with a bout of frenzied yelping and hoarse commands.

The television series title—A Town Called Panic, in English— has become synonymous with the exploits of Horse and his frantic flatmates Cowboy and Indian, the widely mimicked toy figurine protagonists that define the stop-motion animation shorts.

After breaking out of Belgium and into the hands of international distribu-A Town Called tors, the small town comedy is Panic opens going big tomorrow. screen with a feature-length film directed by the show's creators Stéphane Aubier and Vincent Patar.

Feeling restricted by the five-minute mould the animation duo brought to television, Aubier and Patar used A Town Called Panic, the film, to develop a richer narrative.

"The first episodes were more like small sketches that were self-contained," said Aubier over the phone with Patar in Belgium, aided in translation by associate producer Adriana Piasek-Wanski, "As the work on the TV series moved forward, we started to work more on the narration and stories we were developing for each episode."

The storyline for the film draws on past TV episodes and follows Cowboy and Indian's attempt to build a brick barbeque as a birthday gift for Horse. But havoc comes to town when they order 50 million bricks instead of 50, launching the trio on a warp-speed journey to an underwater universe.

Speed is one of the hallmarks of A Town Called Panic, which uses jerky animation,

jerky animation, rapid movement of figures (all 1,500 of them) and quick dialogue to propel its plot.

"We tried to slow the animation down to make it more fluid, but it just didn't seem to suit the style," said Patar, "It was too slow, soft, not dynamic enough and not energetic enough." Adds Aubier, "We always fear boring the spectator. It's important to keep the action going."

Aubier doesn't consider jarring motion to be an erroneous form of anima"For us, the main thing was that we were having fun and found the story funny...If we were amused, chances are other people would be too."

Stéphane Aubier

tion. On the contrary, he thinks it's elegant at times, suiting the characters and the film's comic

nature.

And it's a form of comedy that seems to transcend a target audience. Using

simple dialogue and exaggeration in tandem with wit adults can appreciate, Aubier and Patar said they made the film for as broad an audience as possible.

"For us, the main thing was that we were having fun and found the story funny," said Aubier, "If we were amused, chances are other people would be too."

J-Lo. targets Harris in comedy

TV Jennifer Lopez will play a self-help expert on an episode of the CBS comedy How I Met Your Mother in March. The actress-singer portrays Anita Appleby, an author who tries to "train" men into better behaviour in relationships. Her target is Neil Patrick Harris' playboy-bachelor character, Barney: Appleby makes it her mission to break him.

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Fiona eyes win for R&B Grammy

Music rive years ago, Melanie Fiona flew to Los Angeles, determined to make her music dreams come true.

The Toronto native had the right sound — great range and a distinctive voice, equally adept at expressing vulnerability and strength — and the right look.

All she needed to do was change everything.

"I met a lot of labels, executives and producers," Fiona told The Canadian Press.

"They'd say: 'We love the way she looks, we love the way she sings.' But I knew that the minute I worked with them or would have signed with them, they would have tried to change me into someone else completely different.
"That was something

"That was something that I didn't want to do."

As it turns out, her stubbornness paid off. The past year has brought the 26year-old the sort of chart

Benefit

 Mary J. Blige and Andrea Bocelli will perform Simon and Garfunkel's Bridge Over Troubled Water during a fundraising segment for Haiti relief at this year's Grammy Awards.

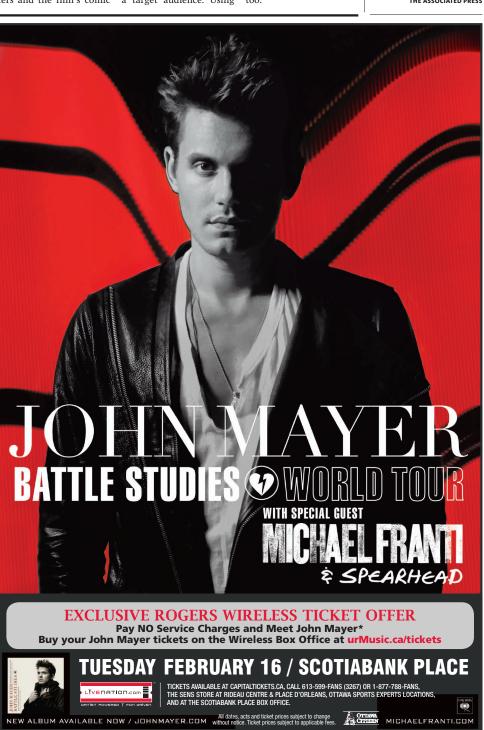
success and industry respect she was willing to wait for, culminating in a nomination at Sunday's 52nd Grammy Awards.

She's up for best female R&B vocal performance for her heart-rending torch song, It Kills Me.

The Grammy nod was vindication, to say the

"It's like the best news I've ever received," Fiona says. "Oh my gosh, I instantly had flashbacks of just singing as a little girl into my hairbrush in front of the mirror."

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Less than a week after his NBC and Tonight Show finale, Conan O'Brien is back to work on a new show for the Peacock Network. The network has picked up the pilot for Justice, a legal show created by Conan's production company, Conaco. POPEATER.COM



Money woes from the grave

CELEB DEATH Newly released government files offer a glimpse into the money troubles that plagued model and reality star Anna Nicole Smith at the height of her notoriety, ranging from millions in missing iewels to unpaid utility bills. The Department of Justice files that detail her 1996 bankruptcy filing also note her lack of under-standing of her financial

"Assets noted in her file include a **Russian lynx coat** appraised at \$43,343.75 US and a necklace with a 500-carat sapphire."

"She did not know why she was in bankruptcy," an unidentified examiner wrote in a 1996 report that was part of the govern-ment file obtained by The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information Act request.

Assets noted in her file include a Russian lynx coat appraised at \$43,343.75 US and a necklace with a 500carat sapphire, but also six potbellied pigs and a \$12,000 doll collection. A safety deposit box at a New York bank held nearly \$1 million in jewellery, but also a bottle of her perfume and a copy of her calendar. And while filings list \$154,142 in income from modeling and royalties in 1994 and \$274,514 the next year, left unpaid were taxes in numerous jurisdictions and even a gas bill for \$265.63.

Smith's bankruptcy fil-ing came after the 1995 death of her billionaire husband Howard Marshall and put in motion a court battle

over his for-tune that has continued even after her death. Smith died of an accidental overdose of at least nine medications in Feb. 2007 at a Florida

hotel

Also detailed in the files is Smith's apparent loss of some \$2.7 million in jewincluding ellery, pieces valued at nearly a half-million dollars apiece: a ring with three dia-

monds, including one weighing 8.45 carats. and inum necklace with 226 diamonds totalling nearly 74 carats. The whereabouts of both were never determined, nor is it known if

they were stolen.
In the bankruptcy examiner's report, the writer often expresses exasperation with Smith, saying she apdrugged pears during the interview and takes additional pills in the course of the meeting at her home.

"She could barewalk, her speech was slurred, she had to lay down in a darkened room as the light bothered her and she could not remember what she said from one moment to the next," the examiner ported.

Ron Rale, Smith's personal attorney during her life and the executor her estate, didn't return a

message seeking comment after business hours Tues-

Aside from the newly released government files, details of Smith's troubled personal life have also been emerging through the legal problems of her friends. Two of her doctors and her lawyer-boyfriend pleaded not guilty last month to drug con-

spiracy charges accusing them of illegally pro-viding her sedatives and opiates.

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt, at 28, is a Sundance Film Festival veteran.

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like Daniel Day-

Sellers.'

Joseph Gordon-Levitt charmed Sundance Film Festival fans a year ago with the romance (500) Days of Summer.

Now the 3rd Rock from the Sun star is assailing Sundance crowds with a wild man role in Hesher, the tale of a heavy-metal anarchist who bursts into

the lives of a grieving boy and "My favourite his family.

of kinds of actors are A flurry of kinds of actors ar films that passed the chameleons, through Sundance — the teen Manic, Lewis or Peter dramas

Mysteri-0118 and Brick

> helped former child star Gordon-Levitt

graduate into adult roles and showed he was more than just that alien kid in human form on his sitcom.

In the title role of Hesher, Gordon-Levitt bears little resemblance to the clean-cut young romantic of (500) Days of Summer, which earned him a Golden Globe nomination. Hesher has long, stringy hair, tattoos everywhere and a mad-dog meanour that shouts, 'Mess with this guy at your own peril.'

"I just love to act. It's my favourite thing to do in the world, and what keeps it interesting to me is the creative challenge. So different kinds characters, that's what I just love to do," GordonLevitt, 28, said in an inter

"My favourite kinds of actors are the chameleons, like Daniel Day-Lewis or Peter Sellers, people like that. To me, the highest compliment you can pay to an actor is, 'Man, I didn't recognize you.' So yeah, Hesher is really dif-

ferent from Tom in (500) Days of Summer, and you know, that's what keeps it spicy for me." Gordon-

Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Levitt has been mixing up his work in independent films

with big Hollywood pic-tures, among them last summer's action tale G.I. Ioe: The Rise of Cobra and next summer's Inception. a science-fiction thriller starring Leonardo Di-Caprio and directed by Christopher Nolan (The Dark Knight).

Hesher director Spencer Susser said Gordon-Levitt is a chameleon himself, remaking his persona to fit each role. "When I met Joe, I thought he was just a great guy. I thought, I want to see your Hesher, and we got into a room, we started to play with it, and I was blown away, because he turned into a different person," Susser said. "I know Joe now, but I know Hesher, too, and they're differ-

ent people."

Violent, profane and unpredictable, Gordon-Levitt's Hesher insinuates himself into the life of a boy (Devin Brochu) who's mourning the death of his mother in a car wreck. Moving in with the boy, his catatonic father (Rainn Wilson) and doting grandmother (Piper Laurie), Hesher becomes an unlikely agent of healing for the

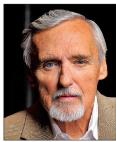
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Hopper's wife is seeking custody of their daughter

LEGAL Dennis Hopper's wife states in a court declaration that she believes the actor is divorcing her be-cause of his declining health and influence from others

Victoria Hopper wrote that her husband's medical and mental state have become unpredictable as he battles prostate cancer, according to the documents filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The 42-year-old is seeking full custody of the couple's six-year-old daughter.



Dennis Hopper

She is also asking a judge to allow Dennis Hopper supervised visits with his daughter for up to an hour per day, depending on his health. Her filing seeks strict guidelines, including a requirement that Hopper remove all guns from the family's house and refrain from smoking medicinal marijuana before the vis-

its.
"I do not believe that petitioner is capable of taking care of himself or his legal and financial affairs," Victoria Hopper's declaration said.

"Therefore, I do not be-

lieve Petitioner is capable of making sound decisions in the best interests of our daughter.

He was first diagnosed with prostate cancer a decade ago, but it returned late last year. He started chemotherapy treatments earlier this month, the filing stated.

Victoria Hopper is ask-ing a judge to protect her and her daughter's stake in a \$1 million life insurance policy and a college fund.

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Rating: •••
Signature Drink: Jamaican
Mama (\$7)
Signature Dish: Jerk
Chicken (\$12.25)
Dinner & drinks for 2: \$40

Island Jerk is a tiny restaurant tucked away in a strip mall in Ottawa South with a homey feel and a television blaring the news in

the corner

A friendly staff member calls in a charming West Indian accent for us to sit anywhere.

The menu is eclectic: curried goat, oxtail stew, cowskin (only on Thursdays) and cowfoot (only on Fridays).

To curb our grumbling stomachs, we ordered the Spicy Jamaican-style beef patties (\$1.25) and a Jamaican fritter called a Festival (\$1.25), a cakey sort of hushpuppy.

We washed these bites down with a Jamaican Mama (\$7), a delicious mix of

On the web

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rum, pineapple and or-

ange.
"I won't give the secret away," the server says with a smile.

The Jerk Chicken (\$12.25) was easy to inhale, its spiciness slowing us down after several bites. Fried plantains on the side relieved our mouths from the heat of the homemade ierk sauce.

The combination of Ackee, a fruit, and Codfish (\$13.50) is a Jamaican national dish and was cooked with onions, tomatoes and spices used for making a flavourful stew.

However, the Rice and Peas (\$3.50) accompanying most plates were mealy and dry, lacking any real zest.

The staff is small, the place quiet (except for the television) and the takeout seems brisker than some of the eat-in business.

It's good food at a good price.



Jerk Chicken (\$12.25)

Dining out

THE BLACK THORN The Black Thorn is another restaurant participating in Taste of Winterlude and offering four prix-fixe menus ranging from \$29 to \$49 including Chicken Supreme and cheesecake. 15 Clarence St., (613) 241-0712.

SHARI GOODMAN FOR METRO OTTAWA

Fish dish fills Olympic-sized appetites

Hockey brings to mind two things — frozen lakes and big, hungry players. This hearty fish dish is unfussy, full of flavour and sure to satisfy Olympic-size appetites. The potatoes and peppers make a smoky red sauce that goes great with the seared fish. Any white

7:00

fish works well.

Pan-Fried Catfish With Smoky Potatoes 500 g (1 lb) baby red potatoes, quartered 125 ml (1/2 cup) water 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter 5 ml (1 tsp) smoked papri-

8:00

ka 2 small yellow onions, thinly sliced

1 green bell pepper, cored and sliced Salt and ground black pepper

30 ml (2 tbsp) peanut oil 4 catfish fillets (about 650 g/1 1/3 lb)

9:00

1. Cook potatoes for 10 to 15 minutes

2. Add ingredients. Saute until onions and potatoes are tender. Set aside.

3. Sear each catfish fillet for 2 minutes per side. Serve over a bed of potatoes. SERVES

10:30

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11:00

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LEARN The Art of Tasting Wine by Grape (part 1 of 2) this Saturday at The Urban Element from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$75/person.

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Journey to the Edge of the Universe

From the title, it sounds like a sci-fi movie, but this two-hour special is more science than fiction. Thousands of images, most of them taken by the Hubble telescope, are the basis for vivid computer re-creations of astronomical phenomena all the way back to the Big Bang. If this doesn't make your eyes pop, consult an ophthalomologist immediately. 8 PM on 42 DIS



Bram Stoker's Dracula

When a movie title contains the name of the author whose work it's based on, you expect a more faithful adaptation of that work. That's definitely not the case with Francis Ford Coppola's 1992 melodramatic take on the Dracula story. That said, though, those who aren't die-hard devotees of Stoker's version can find much to appreciate here, starting with the amazing visuals. Gary Oldman gives an appropriately chilling performance as Vlad the Impaler. 10 PM on 48 TEL

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James McAvoy is set to become a father for the first time with his actress wife Anne-Marie Duff, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Scottish star, 30, met Duff in 2003 while they starred in hit British TV show Shameless together. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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OMAR EPPS has very specific needs, JAMIE **KENNEDY** doesn't want dogs in the restaurant, SANDRA BERN HARD doesn't want you to worry about her tennis game, and STEPHEN FRY is full of mixed emotions.

@omarepps Craving a good ole candied apple... #random

@jamjekennedy Why do they allow dog bowls in restaurants so the dog can eat with u???? i dont have candlelit dinners in rovers doghouse

@SandraBernhard i played a very hard game of tennis last night and lost i feel a little bruised today but i'll be fine in doubles.

@stephenfry Oh gracious. I'm in a big emotional puddle. Simultaneously as happy



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AND A BOTTLE OF INTEGRITY

Looks like Johnny Depp is going to have to find another co-star to set sail with for the fourth Pirates of the Caribbean film, as Orlando Bloom confirms that he won't be onboard.

'No, definitely not," Bloom tells MTV News.



SO NO ONE WILL NOTICE HIS the limelight," Law tells RECEDING HAIRLINE OK! Magazine. "Men like Robert Pattin-Iude Law is

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"My goal was always to be recognized as a good actor, but no one was interested in that simply because society just wants to warm toward your appearance.
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blemish of societv.

Cash cow wrangler

HE'LL BE WAITING TIL THE to gain his confidence, according to court docu-COWS COME HOME. YEAH, I SAID IT Kiefer Sutherments. land is out \$860,000 The scam involved a US thanks to a Ponzi involving scheme

Mexican cows, according to TMZ. Before the suspect, Michael Wayne Carr, ripped the 24 star off for nearly a million dollars, he made Suther-

land \$130,000 profit on a smaller deal

plan to purchase cattle in Mexico and sell it at a profit in the U.S. Carr currently faces 12 charges, including grand theft and embezzlement. METRO

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Slamming Simon

GAMES BEGIN! many more nasty leaks Sources close to American about Simon. The show no Idol were quick to talk longer feels the need about Simon Cowell to protect him," showing up more source Popeater. "Simon than an hour late has been late for for a taping earlier this week, and it years and is bafsounds like it won't fled that all of a be the last bit of sudden, after he announces he is leaving the show, leaks to the press news leaked at the contentious judge's expense now that he's announced he's leavhave started to ing the show. occur."

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Passing the torch Mom, I love you

SOME BOTOX The gift that keeps on giving? Heidi Montag — who came under fire for undergoing 10 plastic surgery operations in one day — says not only was her mother supportive of her drastic operation, but she plans on giving her a "mommy makeover" for Mother's Day. magazine.com reports.

Reports surfaced that Montag's mother, Darlene Egelhoff, was furious at her daughter for secretly going under the knife. Montag, 23, had breast implants, a brow lift, botox in her forehead, a nose job re-

vision, fat injections in her cheeks, a chin reduction, neck liposuction and had her ears pinned back. But The

Hills star tells

Nightline her that mother was aware of her plan. had this conversation with her several times. So I she think knew," she says. "I already heard

Montag says the only thing she didn't tell her mother was the date of her surgery because didn't want it to be a circus. And didn't want it to be crazy media outside house."

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K-Fed fed the pain

WITH A BUCKET OF DELI-CIOUS KFC AND A CAN OF COKE For Kevin Federline, the very public struggles came with a private pain, as his 2006 divorce from Britney Spears triggered depression and overeating, people.com reports.
"Once you get depressed,

vou don't really feel like doing anything,' Federline. 31. tells Access Holly-

"You're of kind discouraged about yourself and then the

weight gain too, or that makes me more depressed . I mean, it's a combination of all of those things.'

The difference for Federline was that his troubles played out on a public stage.

"Everybody knows what happened with me and Brit," he says. "I'm not going to say that's the total cause of it but, I mean, just not being happy with my-

self was probably the main part of my depression."

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Oh, too bad, so sad

NOW LET'S TALK SOME MORE ABOUT ME While Richards Denise feels "sad" for Charlie Sheen's current personal plight, at least there is some solace that their former battle has reached a place a peace, popeater.com reports.

"Charlie and I are in a great right place now," Richards told Oprah Winfrey in a wide-ranging interview on Tuesday. The actress later went into detail

This is what happens when you live together in sin

the process the couple went through to move away from being exes battling it out in the tabloids to being able to spend a New Year's Eve dinner together as a family.

"All of this has been a work progress,' Richards said, pointing out that the two also worked with a mediator.

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IT GETS ALL CONFUSING, MAR RIAGE HAS A MUCH BETTER TRACK RECORD. YOU SHOULD TRY THAT The rumours about Brad Pitt and Angelina Iolie breaking up are all because of a little misunderstanding, at least ac-

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cording to one source, who tells Gatecrasher that the power couple did in fact visit a Los Angeles attorney early this month, but not to dissolve their partner-

Instead, Pitt and Jolie were working to sort out their shared \$330 million fortune. "They aren't mar-

ried, so they need to protect their children and property in case there's a rift in the future," the source says.

"People hear legal papers, and assume it means divorce. "They're just making sure their ducks are in a row.

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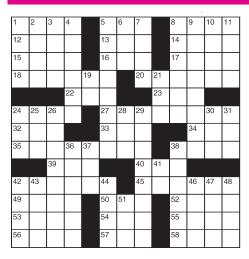




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Take Five

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Fast Jambalaya

Submitted by ITammy Laforet, Windsor, Ont.

Metro Recipe of the Day

INGREDIENTS:

2 cheddar smokev sausages (can substitute with a dozen shrimp) 5 strips fried bacon (optional) 1 large ripe diced tomato 1/2 cup onion 2 tbsp minced garlic 1/4 diced pepper 1/2 cup of any other veggies (broccoli, carrots, spinach) 1 cup Uncle Ben's parmesan or garlic rice 2 tbsp olive oil 1 tsp butter for taste

METHOD:

1. Cut tomatoes, onions, sausages, peppers and oth-er veggetables into bitesized pieces.

2. Saute all veggies in olive oil until they are medium

3. Add garlic and sausages.

(if using Shrimp, add later on)

4. When the suasages are cooked, add water required as per Uncle Ben's rice and bring to light boil.

Add rice stir and cover. Cook for 10-15 min per Uncle Ben's rice instructions, stirring occasionally. (Add Shrimp at this time.)

6. Chop up bacon pieces and add.

7. Serve when most liquid is absorbed. Leave some as a sauce to give the dish more taste.

SERVES 2-4

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You seem to have got the wrong end of the stick where an affair of the heart is concerned and now you are beating yourself with it for being so stupid.

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You may find it difficult to confide in people today, perhaps because you don't know what vou want.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 It is not enough that you know what you can do, you must make sure that other people know it too. Put on a show today. You were born to be a star.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

This may be a time of new beginnings but you don't have to start something new. Save the new stuff for later.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

You want to know the truth, even if the truth is not to your liking. That's good because it would appear that someone is keeping something from you.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You can be happy or you can be sad — it is entirely up to you. It's more likely to be the former over the next 24 hours if you make an effort to be sociable.

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JUNE 22-JULY 22
Take an hour or two out of today's busy schedule to make a note of all the things you have to be thankful for. It may take a while to acknowledge them all.

CAPRICORN

You will go from delight to despair and back again today. To say that your feelings are a bit unsteady is not saying nearly enough.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

The more people you have to deal with today the more emotional you will become and the more likely it is you will get annoved with some of them.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

You may not get along with the people you meet today but if you are smart you will pay attention to what they say

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

If you rush into something to-day you may have to rush out again a few days hence when you realize you have got it totally wrong.

PISCES

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1813: Pride and Prejudice is first published in the United Kingdom. 1855: The first locomotive runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean on the Panama Railway.

1965: The current design of the Flag of Canada is chosen by an act of Parliament.

1981: Ronald Reagan lifts remaining domestic petroleum price and allocation controls in the United States helping to end the 1979 energy crisis and begin the 1980s oil glut.

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